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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

PERSSON ET AL.

Examiner

Luan K Bui

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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The Election/Restriction requirement mailed on 4/30/2004 has been withdrawn due to the amendment to claim 8 filed on 5/28/2004.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 2-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The phrase "in accordance with ASTM E 398-83" in claims 2-4, 8, 9 and 12-14 is indefinite because the specification of the code in ASTM E 398-83 can be changed and whenever the code changes the claim is definite.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mizuno et al. (5,833,070; hereinafter Mizuno'070) in view of Jones (5,443,161) and The International Publication Number WO 97/46188 to Guarracino et al. (hereinafter Guarracino'188). To the extent that the examiner can determine the scope of the claims, Mizuno'070 discloses a package for protecting a product with which moisture contact is undesirable such as electrical

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components, electronic components, medical materials and drugs comprising at least one impervious film material (3a, 3b, 4a, 4b) having water vapor transmission rate of 93 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/calendar day measured by the procedure as indicated in the specification (table 1, column 1 and column 8, lines 41-57) which is considered equivalent with ASTM E 398-83 as claimed and the package is fully sealed with impervious joins or seams (Figure 1). Mizuno'070 also discloses the other claimed limitations except for the product comprises an absorbent article having at least one moisture sensitive additive. Jones teaches a kit comprising a plurality of baby care supplies such as a diaper/absorbent article disposed within a moisture impermeable package for better protecting the supplies. Guarracino'188 shows an absorbent article for absorption of bodily fluids having at least one moisture sensitive additive selected from a group consisting of zeolites and silica gels for absorption moisture which is also considered equivalent to moisture indicator or moisture absorbent as claimed. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art in view of Jones and Guarracino'188 to modify the package of Mizuno'070 so the package is used for holding different product such as comprises an absorbent article having at least one moisture sensitive additive for better protecting the absorbent article from moisture and allowing the package for holding various products.

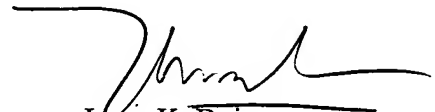
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***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luan K. Bui whose telephone number is (703) 305-5861. If in receiving this Office Action, it is apparent to Applicant that certain documents are missing from the record for example copies of references cited, form PTO-1449, form PTO-892, etc., requests for copies of such papers should be directed to TC 3700 Customer Service at (703) 306-5648.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Customer Service whose telephone number is (703) 872-9301. Facsimile correspondence for this application should be sent to (703) 872-9306 for Formal papers and After Final communications.

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